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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This amendment and remarks are in response to the Official Action dated October 18, 2005, the shortened statutory period for filing a response having expired on January 18, 2006. Applicants submit herewith a two-month extension petition to reset the deadline to March 18, 2006. Applicants also submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement and required fee. Please reconsider the above-identified patent application amended as follows and in light of the following remarks.

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